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1. RAFAEL (ISRAEL) MADE STRONG PLEA FOR US NOT TO TAKE CUBAN CASE TO GA, SAYING HE CONVINCED IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US GET SUPPORT OF TWO-THIRDS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT HOW ISRAEL WOULD STAND, RAFAEL HINTED THIS WOULD DEPEND SOMEWHAT ON HOW AFRICANS VOTED. *Je*

2. NINCIC (YUGOSLAVIA) SAID HIS COUNTRY GRAVELY DISTURBED BY DEVELOPMENTS. HE BLAMED US FOR ACTING TOO RAPIDLY WITHOUT CONFRONTING SECURITY COUNCIL AND WORLD OPINION WITH INFORMATION ABOUT RUSSIAN DEPLOYMENT OF MISSILES WHICH DEPLOYMENT HE SAID YUGOSLAVIA DEPLORES. *Je*

3. KURAL (TURKEY) SAID HE VERY PLEASED WITH STRONG STAND US HAD TAKEN IN THIS MATTER BUT MADE PLEA FOR GREAT CARE IN HANDLING QUESTION IN GA LEST TURKEY'S RIGHTS HAVE MISSILES SOMEHOW BE PUT IN JEOPARDY. *Je*

4. SEN. GORE BRIEFED CHAKRAVARTY (INDIA) IMMEDIATELY AFTER LATTER HAD HEARD STEVENSON SPEECH IN SC. SENATOR UNDERLINED GRAVITY OF THREAT TO US POSED BY SOVIET DEPLOYMENT OF OFFENSIVE MISSILES, NECESSITY OF ACTING QUICKLY BEFORE FURTHER DELIVERIES COULD BE EFFECTED. CHAKRAVARTY DID NOT PROBE, BUT PROMISED TO PASS ON SENATOR'S POINTS TO HIS GOVT.

5. CONSENSUS NUMBER AFRICANS WE TALKED TO WAS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE PROOF ON OUR PART THAT THESE ROCKETS IN CUBA REALLY THREATEN THE US.

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THEY ARE ALSO WONDERING WHY WE BLOCKADED FIRST AND WENT TO UN SECOND. HOWEVER, ONCE REASON IS EXPLAINED TO THEM, THEY TEND TO COME AROUND QUICKLY. AFRICANS APPARENTLY WANT TO BE HELPFUL BUT HAVE CONFUSED IDEA AS TO WHAT WOULD BE HELPFUL SUCH AS PROPOSING WE PUT OFF APPLYING BLOCKADE UNTIL UN TEAM OF INSPECTORS CAN REACH CUBA; THAT WE OFFER TO DRAW BACK FROM OUR MOST ADVANCED BASES IF RUSSIANS WILL GET OUT OF CUBA; THAT WE AND RUSSIANS SIGN PLEDGE TO LIMIT CONFRONTATION TO "SHOOTING" RATHER THAN NUCLEAR WAR.

6. JACOVIDES (CYPRUS) SAID HE NEVER HEARD OF "DOCTRINE OF QUARANTINE" IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE LATER EXPRESSED VIEW UNITED STATES LEGAL POSITION "HORRIBLY WEAK" IN CONTRAST "EXTREMELY STRONG POLITICAL POSITION."

7. MORRISSEY (IRELAND) ASSUMED US WOULD PASS OVER WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL LEGAL ASPECTS INVOLVED IN STOPPING OF SHIPS.

8. DIMITSAS (GREECE) VOICED FEAR SOVIETS MAKE COUNTER-MOVE IN GREECE, TURKEY OR IRAN.

9. BERNARDIC (YUGOSLAVIA) ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO RUSSIAN SHIPS EN ROUTE TO CUBA? WE SAID, HOPEFULLY THEY WOULD TURN AROUND AND GO HOME BUT IF NOT MAYBE THERE WOULD BE SOME SHOOTING. HE SAID HE MUST GO AND TELL THE RUSSIANS.

10. TABIBI (AFGHANISTAN) DEVELOPED SAME THEME. HE WAS CONCERNED SOVIETS WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO LOSE THAT MUCH FACE. WE POINTED OUT THAT THEY HAD THROWN DOWN THE GAUNTLET AND THAT WE HAD NO RECOURSE BUT TO REACT STRONGLY, WHICH HAD BEEN EFFECTIVE BEFORE. WE HAD TO REACT WHEN IT WAS STILL POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO AVOID SHOOTING IF THEY WISHED. HE ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY REFUSED TO WITHDRAW UNILATERALLY AND ONLY AGREED TO DO SO IF WE DISMANTLED OUR BASES IN "TURKEY, IRAN AND PAKISTAN." WE RAN THROUGH GAMUT OF DIFFERENCES, STRESSING NO US BASES IRAN AND PAKISTAN IN NORMAL SENSE THAT WORD.

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